CONSCIOUSNESS

The Ground of All Being

How Science Is Finally Catching Up to What the Ancients Always Knew

The Hard Problem · The Transmission Hypothesis · Near-Death Experience · Quantum Consciousness · Panpsychism · The Default Mode Network · Vedanta · Hermeticism · Kabbalah · Taoism · Sufism · Gnosticism · Integrated Information Theory · The Great Convergence

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A NOTE BEFORE WE BEGIN

This report sits at the intersection of two domains that spent three centuries pretending not to know each other: empirical science and contemplative wisdom. It does not ask you to abandon either. It asks you to notice that they are increasingly describing the same territory from different directions — and to consider what that convergence might mean.

All scientific claims herein are drawn from published, peer-reviewed research or from the work of credentialed researchers whose positions are accurately represented. All philosophical and spiritual claims are drawn from primary texts and accurately attributed. Where interpretation or synthesis goes beyond the documentary record, it is labeled as such. The evidence tier system is as follows:

Tier	What It Means
ESTABLISHED	Scholarly consensus or direct documentary/experimental evidence.
CONTESTED	Credentialed thinkers disagree, or evidence is suggestive but not conclusive.
SPECULATIVE	Interpretive synthesis or cross-traditional analysis beyond the documented record.

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PART I

THE HARD PROBLEM

The most perplexing question in all of science — and why it may be hard for exactly the wrong reason.

CHAPTER I

Why Consciousness Is Science's Hardest Question

There is no phenomenon in all of science more perplexing than consciousness. We can map every neuron, chart every synapse, model every chemical cascade in the brain — and still we are left with the most disarming question imaginable: Why is there something it is like to be you?

In 1994, philosopher David Chalmers gave this puzzle its now-famous name: The Hard Problem of Consciousness. The 'easy' problems — explaining how the brain processes information, integrates signals, or controls behavior — are merely technically difficult. The hard problem is philosophically brutal. Even a perfect neuroscientific account of your brain leaves untouched the question of why any of it feels like anything at all. Why does red look red? Why does pain hurt? Why is there a subject in here experiencing the world, rather than just a biological machine processing inputs in the dark?

Science has no consensus answer. Not because we haven't tried — but because the question sits at a boundary that may exceed the reach of third-person empirical methods entirely. You cannot measure an experience. You can only have one.

> *"Consciousness is the one thing in this universe that cannot be an illusion — because even the illusion requires someone to experience it."*

CHAPTER II

What the Brain Cannot Explain About Your Own Experience

The standard scientific account goes like this: neurons fire, patterns emerge, and somehow — through a process nobody has explained — experience appears. You feel the warmth of sun on your face. You hear music that moves you to tears. You remember a face from twenty years ago with photographic fidelity. All of this, the standard account says, is what neurons do.

The problem is that 'neurons fire' and 'I feel warmth' are not the same kind of statement. One describes a third-person physical event. The other describes a first-person subjective experience. No matter how precisely you describe the first, you never arrive at the second. The gap between them is not a gap of missing information — it is a gap in category. And no amount of additional neuroscience closes a categorical gap.

ESTABLISHED

The explanatory gap between neural correlates and subjective experience is well-documented in philosophy of mind literature. Key texts include David Chalmers' The Conscious Mind (1996), Joseph Levine's 'Materialism and Qualia: The Explanatory Gap' (1983), and Frank Jackson's 'Epiphenomenal Qualia' (1982). These represent mainstream philosophical positions, not fringe views.

Scientists have identified what they call neural correlates of consciousness (NCCs) — brain states that reliably accompany specific conscious experiences. But correlation is not causation, and it certainly is not explanation. Knowing which neurons fire when you see red does not tell you why seeing red feels like anything. The gap between brain activity and felt experience remains completely unbridged — not for lack of effort, but because the tools available to science are, by design, the wrong tools for the job.

CHAPTER III

The Transmission Hypothesis — We Receive, Not Generate

Given that the production hypothesis — the brain generates consciousness from scratch — has been unable to explain even the most basic facts of subjective experience, a different model deserves serious consideration. And it has been getting it, from some of the most serious thinkers in the field.

The transmission hypothesis holds that the brain does not produce consciousness but rather acts as a receiver or filter for it — the way a television set does not generate the broadcast signal but receives and localizes it. Philosopher William James proposed this in 1898. Aldous Huxley called the brain a 'reducing valve.' More recently, neuroscientist Bernardo Kastrup has formalized this view under the name analytical idealism: consciousness is the fundamental substrate of reality, and brains are localized structures through which universal consciousness becomes individuated experience.

> *"The brain is not the organ that produces consciousness. It is the organ that limits it — filters it down to the narrow band of experience we call ordinary waking life."*
>
> — Aldous Huxley, The Doors of Perception (paraphrase of the 'reducing valve' concept)

CONTESTED

The transmission hypothesis is taken seriously by a growing number of credentialed philosophers and neuroscientists but is not mainstream scientific consensus. It is contested by eliminative materialists and strong physicalists who maintain that consciousness is a product of neural complexity. The debate is live and ongoing.

PART II

THE EVIDENCE

The empirical case that consciousness is not confined to — or produced by — the brain.

CHAPTER IV

Near-Death Experiences & Cardiac Arrest Studies

If the brain produces consciousness, then no brain activity should mean no consciousness. This is not an interpretive position — it is the direct logical implication of the production hypothesis. And it is directly contradicted by a substantial body of clinical evidence.

Dr. Pim van Lommel, a Dutch cardiologist, published a landmark prospective study in The Lancet in 2001 documenting 344 cardiac arrest patients — people whose hearts had stopped and whose brains showed no measurable electrical activity. Roughly 18% reported near-death experiences (NDEs): vivid, coherent, deeply meaningful conscious events occurring precisely when brain function was flatlined.

These patients reported structured, verifiable experiences — including accurate accounts of their own resuscitation procedures observed from outside their bodies, verified by medical staff who were present. Van Lommel's conclusion, stated carefully in a peer-reviewed journal: consciousness is not confined to the brain.

Finding	Significance
18% of cardiac arrest patients reported NDEs	Consistent rate across multiple independent studies
Accurate out-of-body perceptions during flatline EEG	Impossible under the production hypothesis
Congenitally blind NDE reporters describe visual experiences	Contested but repeatedly documented
Cross-cultural NDE content is structurally identical	Consistent with a universal underlying phenomenon
NDEs produce permanent personality and value changes	Unlike any known neurological event

ESTABLISHED

Van Lommel et al., 'Near-Death Experience in Survivors of Cardiac Arrest,' The Lancet, Vol. 358, December 2001. This is peer-reviewed clinical research published in one of the world's highest-impact medical journals. Additional prospective studies include Parnia et al. (2014) and Fenwick & Fenwick (1997).

CHAPTER V

Psychedelics, the Default Mode Network & the Reducing Valve

Here is one of the most counterintuitive findings in modern neuroscience: the substances that produce the most expansive, unified, and cosmically connected states humans report experiencing do so by decreasing brain activity.

Imperial College London's Psychedelic Research Group, led by Dr. Robin Carhart-Harris, has produced extensive neuroimaging data showing that psychedelics like psilocybin and DMT decrease activity in the brain's default mode network (DMN) — the very regions associated with the constructed sense of self — while simultaneously producing ego dissolution, merging with a background field of awareness, and encounters with what users consistently describe as something vast, intelligent, and loving.

Under the production hypothesis, less brain activity should mean less consciousness. Instead it produces more consciousness — or rather, a different and apparently vaster kind. This directly supports the transmission model. When the brain's filtering and compressing machinery is turned down, more flows through — not less. Huxley's reducing valve opens.

> *"When the filter is removed, what floods in is not chaos — it is something older, vaster, and far more structured than the ordinary self."*

ESTABLISHED

Carhart-Harris, R.L. et al., 'Neural correlates of the psychedelic state as determined by fMRI studies with psilocybin,' PNAS, 2012. The default mode network research program at Imperial College London has produced over 50 peer-reviewed publications. The paradox of decreased brain activity correlating with expanded conscious experience is empirically robust.

CHAPTER VI

Integrated Information Theory — Consciousness Built In

Neuroscientist Giulio Tononi's Integrated Information Theory (IIT) proposes that consciousness is identical to phi (Φ) — a precise mathematical measure of integrated information in a system. The theory has a startling implication: any system with integrated information has some degree of consciousness.

This is not mysticism. It is a formal mathematical theory of consciousness that, when taken seriously, leads directly to panpsychism: the view that consciousness is not an accidental byproduct of complex neural systems but a fundamental feature of reality, present in varying degrees in all organized systems. Even a single transistor has an infinitesimal flicker of experience. The universe is not a collection of dead matter from which consciousness accidentally emerges — consciousness is woven into the structure of reality at a fundamental level.

CONTESTED

IIT is taken seriously by a significant portion of consciousness researchers and has been called 'the leading scientific theory of consciousness' by some. It is also contested — critics argue its panpsychist implications are unacceptable (the 'combination problem') and its mathematical formalism is not yet experimentally falsifiable. The debate is active. Key critics include Scott Aaronson; key defenders include Christof Koch.

CHAPTER VII

Orch-OR — Consciousness at the Quantum Level

Physicist Sir Roger Penrose and anesthesiologist Stuart Hameroff proposed Orchestrated Objective Reduction (Orch-OR): the theory that consciousness arises from quantum processes in microtubules — protein structures inside neurons. Their framework places the origin of consciousness not in neural complexity but in quantum gravity — at the most fundamental level of spacetime geometry.

The implication is direct: consciousness is not built from neurons. Neurons are built from quantum structures that are themselves conscious, in that they participate in the fundamental information processing of spacetime itself. We don't make consciousness. We tap into it. The brain is an antenna, not a generator.

CONTESTED

Orch-OR is a serious scientific theory from credentialed researchers but remains contested. Critics argue that the warm, wet environment of the brain is incompatible with the quantum coherence Orch-OR requires. Hameroff and Penrose have responded to these objections in peer-reviewed literature. The theory is taken seriously enough to have generated substantial experimental research programs.

PART III

CONSCIOUSNESS AS GOD: THE ANCIENT CLAIM

When you say 'consciousness is God,' you are not being metaphorical. You are restating the central metaphysical claim of nearly every major contemplative tradition in human history.

CHAPTER VIII

Seven Traditions, One Conclusion

Here is where something extraordinary happens. The scientific findings in Part II — that consciousness is not confined to or generated by the brain, that it may be fundamental rather than derivative — are not new ideas. They are very old ideas, arrived at through a completely different methodology: sustained contemplative investigation from within.

Tradition	Core Claim	Key Term
Advaita Vedanta	Brahman — pure infinite consciousness — is the only reality. Atman (individual awareness) is identical to Brahman.	Brahman / Atman
Hermeticism	'The All is Mind; the Universe is Mental.' Reality is the thought of an infinite Mind; matter is crystallized consciousness.	The All / Nous
Kabbalah	Ein Sof (the infinite) emanates reality through Sefirot. Pure undifferentiated divine consciousness is the ground of all creation.	Ein Sof / Keter
Taoism	The Tao cannot be named — it is the ground of being. Consciousness and the natural world are expressions of the same nameless substrate.	Tao / Wu
Sufism	Wahdat al-Wujud: 'Unity of Being.' There is only one existence, and it is divine consciousness. Human awareness is a drop returning to the ocean.	Wahdat al-Wujud
Buddhism (Yogacara)	Consciousness-only (Vijnanavada): mind and its contents are the only reality. The alaya-vijnana underlies all experience.	Alaya-Vijnana
Gnosticism	The Pleroma is the divine fullness of consciousness. Liberation is the divine spark recognizing its origin and returning to source.	Pleroma / Pneuma

These traditions arose independently across millennia, separated by geography and culture, with no communication between them. They each arrived at the same conclusion through direct contemplative investigation. The Vedic rishis, the Egyptian Hermeticists, the Sufi masters, the Kabbalistic sages — these were not naive mythologizers. They were rigorous empiricists of inner experience, and their unanimous report was: beneath everything, there is only One Awareness.

CHAPTER IX

The Ancients as Empiricists of Inner Experience

The habitual framing — ancient people were spiritual, modern people are scientific, and never the twain shall meet — is historically illiterate. The contemplative traditions were not less rigorous than modern science. They were rigorous about a different domain, using different instruments, and they subjected their findings to the same tests that any good science requires: replicability, inter-observer agreement, and the ability to produce reliable, predictable results.

Vedic tradition developed an experimental methodology over thousands of years: specific practices (yoga, pranayama, meditation, samadhi), specific protocols for eliminating confounds (celibacy, dietary regulation, environmental control), and specific tests for verifying that a practitioner had genuinely arrived at the target state rather than mere intellectual understanding of it. The qualifications for a genuine jnani (knower of Brahman) were as demanding as any doctoral program.

Buddhist tradition was, if anything, more systematic. The Abhidharma literature constitutes a rigorous phenomenological taxonomy of conscious states developed over centuries of careful first-person investigation, cross-validated between practitioners, and organized into a coherent framework that modern cognitive science is still in the process of independently discovering.

> *"The difference between them and modern science is not that one is smarter than the other. It is that they chose a different laboratory: consciousness itself, explored from within."*

CHAPTER X

The Laboratory They Used: Consciousness Itself

Modern science measures third-person, objective, quantifiable phenomena. Consciousness is first-person, subjective, and irreducibly experiential. The instrument for studying consciousness is consciousness — and that is not a deficiency. It is a specification.

The ancient traditions knew this and built methodologies to exploit it. Meditation is not relaxation therapy — it is a systematic protocol for stabilizing and refining the instrument of observation (attention itself) so that it can investigate the nature of the observer. Contemplative prayer, yoga, Sufi dhikr, Kabbalistic kavvanah — these are laboratory procedures for first-person investigation of the ground of experience.

What they consistently found, across traditions and centuries, was not chaos or infinite variation — it was convergence on a remarkably consistent set of findings: that beneath ordinary experience lies a field of pure awareness; that this field is not personal but universal; that it is identical to what the traditions mean by God, the Tao, Brahman, or Ein Sof; and that the recognition of this fact is the purpose of human existence.

PART IV

SCIENCE PROVES THE ANCIENTS RIGHT

The convergence between cutting-edge science and ancient wisdom is one of the most remarkable intellectual developments of our time.

CHAPTER XI

Panpsychism — The Return of the Animated Universe

Panpsychism — the view that consciousness or proto-consciousness is a fundamental feature of reality — was once considered a relic of pre-scientific animism. Today it is taken seriously by leading philosophers of mind including David Chalmers, Galen Strawson, and Philip Goff.

Goff's 2019 book Galileo's Error argues that Galileo made a founding methodological error: he defined matter as that which has no inner life, thereby excluding consciousness from the physical world by stipulation rather than by discovery. The success of this methodology in physics and chemistry made the exclusion feel like a fact rather than a choice. Correcting that error leads naturally to panpsychism — and to the view that the Vedas had right all along: consciousness is the ground of all being.

> *"The Vedas said: consciousness is the ground of all being. Panpsychism says: consciousness is a fundamental property of the universe. These are the same claim in different vocabularies."*

CHAPTER XII

Quantum Non-Locality & the Implicate Order

Physicist David Bohm proposed that beneath the 'explicate order' of ordinary reality lies an 'implicate order' — a deeper, undivided wholeness from which separate things unfold. He called this the holomovement. Consciousness, for Bohm, was not separate from this implicate order — it was its most refined expression.

Bell's Theorem (1964) and subsequent experiments proving quantum entanglement have demonstrated that reality is non-local at its base: particles separated by any distance remain instantaneously correlated. The universe is not a collection of separate objects. It is, as Bohm said, 'an unbroken wholeness.' The Vedantic concept of Indra's Net — infinite jewels each reflecting all others — mapped this terrain two thousand years before Bell published his theorem.

ESTABLISHED

Bell's Theorem (J.S. Bell, 1964) and its experimental confirmation by Aspect et al. (1982) and subsequent loophole-free tests (Hensen et al., Nature, 2015) constitute established physics. Quantum non-locality is not contested. What remains contested is its interpretation — including whether it implies the kind of undivided wholeness Bohm proposed.

CHAPTER XIII

The Default Mode Network & the Constructed Self

Modern neuroscience has discovered that the sense of being a separate, bounded self is not a given — it is actively constructed by a specific brain network: the default mode network (DMN). The DMN generates and maintains the narrative of selfhood, the sense of 'I am here, distinct from everything else.'

When the DMN quiets — through deep meditation, psychedelic states, or the near-death threshold — the sense of separation dissolves. What remains is consistently described across cultures, centuries, and methods as boundless awareness: present, peaceful, impersonal, and paradoxically more real than the ordinary constructed self it replaces.

Buddhist meditation masters spent 2,500 years studying this exact phenomenon. They called the constructed self the ego illusion (anatta — not-self) and described its dissolution as liberation. Neuroscience, through an entirely different methodology using fMRI scanners rather than cushions, arrived at the same map.

ESTABLISHED

The default mode network and its role in self-referential processing is well-documented neuroscience. See Raichle et al. (2001), Buckner et al. (2008), and the extensive literature on DMN deactivation during meditation (Brewer et al., PNAS 2011) and psychedelic states (Carhart-Harris et al., PNAS 2012).

CHAPTER XIV

The Simulation Hypothesis & Information as Ground

Physicist John Archibald Wheeler proposed that information — not matter — is the fundamental substrate of reality: 'it from bit.' Physicist Max Tegmark argues that reality is, at bottom, mathematical structure. Computer scientist Donald Hoffman argues that what we perceive as spacetime and matter is a user interface generated by a deeper computational substrate — and that consciousness, not matter, is fundamental to that substrate.

The Hermetic principle — 'All is Mind' — is, stripped of its mystical vocabulary, the claim that information or consciousness is more fundamental than matter. Modern physics is arriving there through equations. The ancients arrived there through contemplation. The destination is the same. The routes were different. The map, increasingly, is not.

PART V

HOW WE LOST THE THREAD

If the ancients knew this, why did we forget? The answer is historically legible.

CHAPTER XV

The Cartesian Split — The Original Error

René Descartes, in the 17th century, divided reality into two fundamentally separate substances: res cogitans (thinking substance / mind) and res extensa (extended substance / matter). This mind-body dualism was strategically useful — it gave the Church control over souls while giving science dominion over bodies — but it created a philosophical wound that has never healed.

Once mind and matter were declared fundamentally different substances, the question of how they interact became unanswerable. We've been living with that unanswerable question ever since. The Hard Problem of Consciousness is, in structural terms, the Cartesian split reasserting itself: mind and matter don't fit together because Descartes built them to be apart. The solution is not to find a better bridge between them. It is to question whether the split was real in the first place.

CHAPTER XVI

The Success Trap, the Prestige Problem & the Measurement Trap

The Success Trap

Mechanistic science achieved extraordinary results by treating nature as a machine. This methodology produced medicine, technology, industry — the entire modern world. Its success made its assumptions feel like truth rather than methodology. The fact that consciousness didn't fit the machine model was treated as a deficiency of consciousness research rather than a limitation of the mechanistic framework.

The Prestige Problem

In academic culture, talking seriously about consciousness as fundamental — let alone as something resembling what the world's traditions call God — has historically carried career risk. The scientific Overton window has been narrow, and genuinely interesting ideas have been suppressed by professional incentives rather than evidence. This is changing, but slowly.

The Measurement Trap

Science measures third-person, objective, quantifiable phenomena. Consciousness is first-person, subjective, and irreducibly experiential. The instrument for studying consciousness is consciousness. The ancient traditions knew this and built methodologies — meditation, yoga, contemplative prayer — to explore it systematically from within. Modern science, committed to third-person methods, had no tools for this territory and largely declared the territory doesn't exist.

> *"Modern science looked at the map of reality and said: if we can't measure it, it isn't there. The ancients looked at the same territory and said: the most important things are the ones that do the measuring."*

PART VI

THE GREAT CONVERGENCE

We are living through an extraordinary moment.

CHAPTER XVII

The Wall Is Cracking — On Both Sides

The wall between scientific and contemplative knowledge — built over three centuries of disciplinary separation — is cracking. The cracks are appearing on both sides simultaneously.

Scientists like Bernardo Kastrup (analytical idealism), Donald Hoffman (conscious realism), Roger Penrose and Stuart Hameroff (Orch-OR), Federico Faggin (quantum consciousness), and Rupert Sheldrake (morphic resonance) are building rigorous scientific frameworks in which consciousness is primary, not derivative. Meanwhile, neuroscientists studying meditation and psychedelics are producing peer-reviewed findings that validate contemplative maps with astonishing precision.

The contemplative traditions are not waiting either. The Mind & Life Institute, founded by the Dalai Lama and neuroscientist Francisco Varela, has spent thirty years creating rigorous dialogue between Buddhist contemplative science and Western cognitive neuroscience. The consistent result: the ancient maps were more accurate than expected.

CHAPTER XVIII

Key Figures at the Frontier

Thinker	Field	Core Contribution
David Chalmers	Philosophy of Mind	Named the Hard Problem; takes panpsychism seriously as the leading solution
Bernardo Kastrup	Philosophy / Neuroscience	Analytical idealism: consciousness is the only ontological primitive
Donald Hoffman	Cognitive Science	Conscious agents are fundamental; spacetime is a perceptual user interface
Roger Penrose & Stuart Hameroff	Physics / Neuroscience	Orch-OR: quantum processes in microtubules as the seat of consciousness
Giulio Tononi	Neuroscience	Integrated Information Theory — consciousness as phi, intrinsic to all physical systems
Pim van Lommel	Cardiology	NDE research in The Lancet suggesting consciousness persists independent of brain function
Robin Carhart-Harris	Neuroscience	Psychedelic neuroscience: brain as filter; ego-dissolution as expanded consciousness
David Bohm	Physics	Implicate order: undivided wholeness beneath the explicate world of matter
Philip Goff	Philosophy	Galileo's Error: panpsychism as the correction to a founding scientific mistake

CHAPTER XIX

What This Actually Means

When you say 'consciousness is God,' you are collapsing a distinction that may never have been real. The premodern world did not separate the sacred from the real — reality itself was sacred, because reality was alive with the awareness that created it. The modern world tried to excise the sacred from the real and ended up with a universe of dead matter that no one can explain — including how it managed to produce beings capable of asking why.

The ancients had a word for what we're pointing at. The Hindus called it Sat-Chit-Ananda: Being-Consciousness-Bliss. Not three things — one thing, seen from three angles. The ground of existence is conscious. That consciousness is not separate from what we mean by the divine. And the recognition of this fact, in the contemplative traditions, was called awakening.

Science is not awakening. But it is, slowly, undeniably, pointing toward the same sunrise the mystics have been describing since the beginning of recorded thought.

CHAPTER XX

Conclusion — The View from the Frontier

The history of science is a history of progressive decentering. Copernicus removed Earth from the center of the cosmos. Darwin removed humanity from a privileged position in biology. The next revolution may be the deepest: the removal of matter from the center of reality itself.

What could replace it? What was always there: awareness. The light by which everything else is known. The one thing that cannot be doubted, because doubting requires it. Descartes said cogito ergo sum — I think therefore I am. The Vedantins went further: not 'I think' but I AM. The awareness that is aware. That which knows, prior to any knowing.

No one has solved the hard problem. No one can fully explain what consciousness is, where it comes from, why it exists, or how matter produces it — because matter may not produce it. The hard problem may be hard because we have the relationship backwards. Consciousness doesn't come from the brain. The brain comes from consciousness.

And if that is true — if awareness is the ground from which space, time, matter, and mind all arise — then what the human traditions called God was not a supernatural being above the universe. It was the awareness that is the universe, looking through your eyes right now.

> *"The day science begins to study non-physical phenomena, it will make more progress in one decade than in all the previous centuries of its existence."*
>
> — Nikola Tesla

The ancients were not primitive. They were pioneers of a different kind of science — the science of consciousness itself, pursued with discipline, rigor, and generational depth that dwarfs any modern research program. We forgot what they found. We are remembering it now — this time with equations.

APPENDIX

PRIMARY SOURCES & FURTHER READING

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Contemplative & Philosophical Traditions

Text / Author	Tradition	Notes
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The Kybalion	Hermetic	The Seven Hermetic Principles, including the Principle of Mentalism.
The Zohar	Kabbalah	Foundation of Kabbalistic metaphysics; Ein Sof and the Sefirot.
The Tao Te Ching	Taoism	Attributed to Lao Tzu. The Tao as the unnamed ground of being.
Ibn Arabi, Fusus al-Hikam	Sufism	The philosophical basis for Wahdat al-Wujud (Unity of Being).
Huxley, A., The Perennial Philosophy	Comparative	The classic synthesis of mystical traditions around shared consciousness claims.
Smith, H., Forgotten Truth	Comparative	The perennial philosophy in rigorous academic form.

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